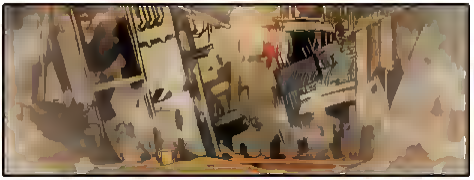

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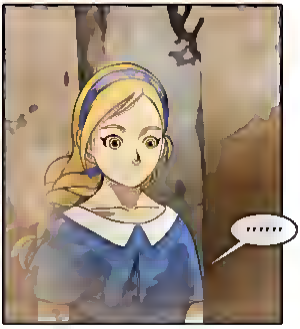
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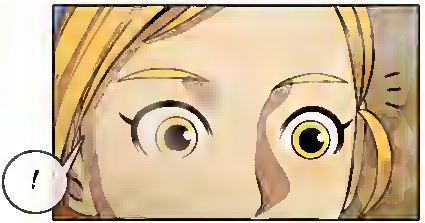
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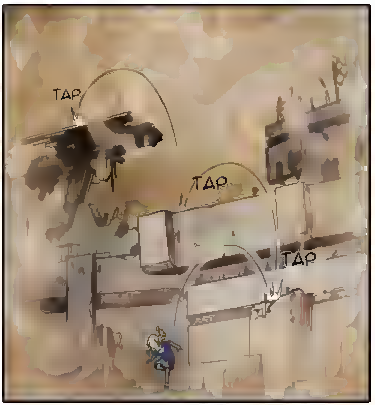
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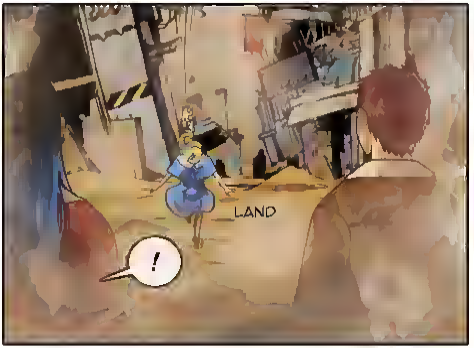
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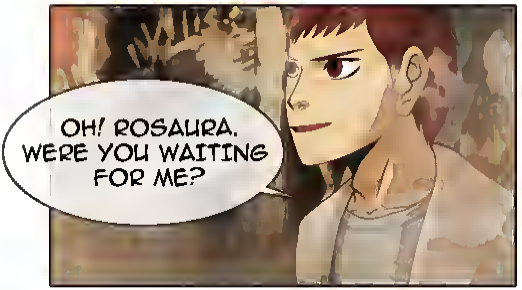
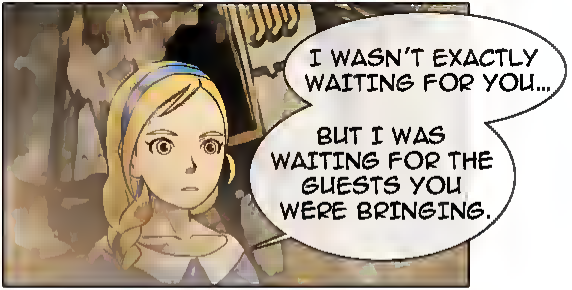
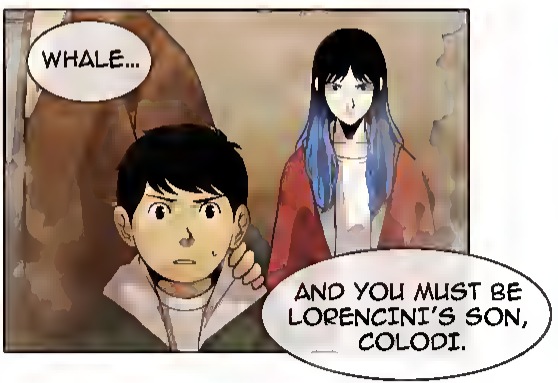
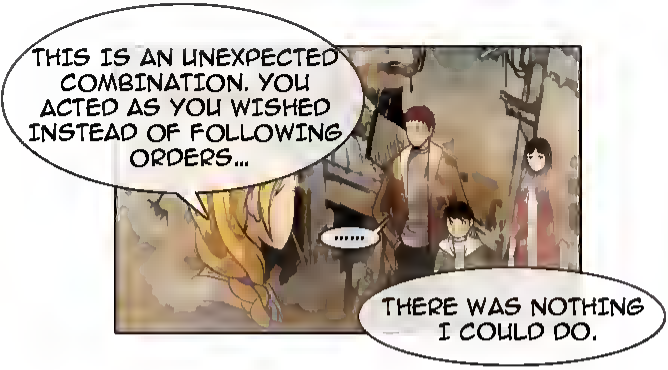

OH! ROSAURA. WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?


I WASN'T EXACTLY WAITING FOR YOU...
BUT I WAS WAITING FOR THE GUESTS YOU WERE BRINGING.


WHALE...
AND YOU MUST BE LORENCINI'S SON, COLODI.


THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED COMBINATION. YOU ACTED AS YOU WISHED INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING ORDERS...
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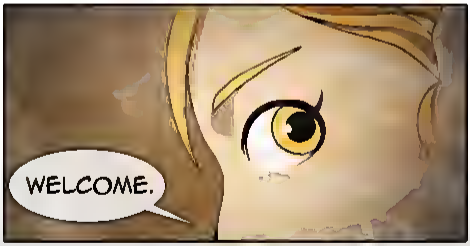
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO.


WELCOME.

THE LEADER IS EXPECTING YOU.

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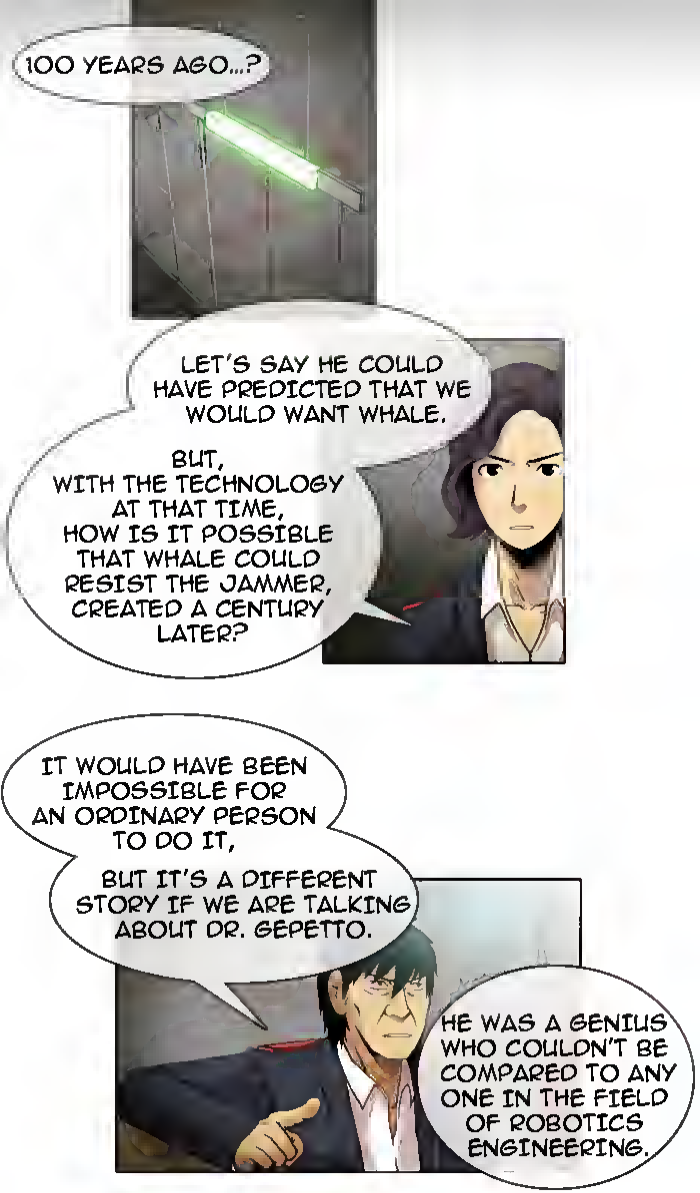
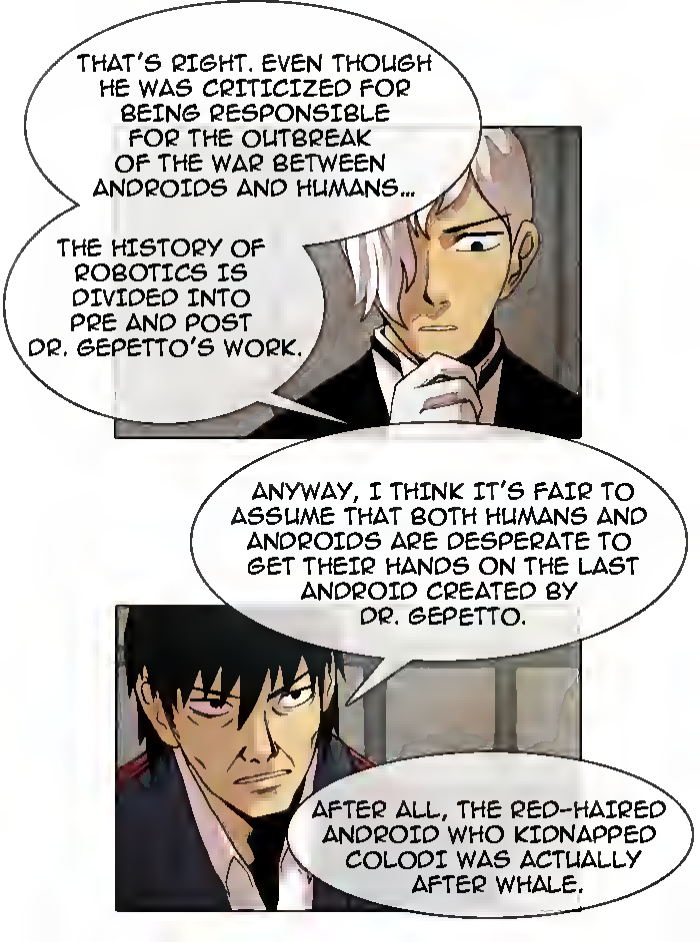
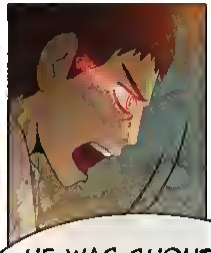

100 YEARS AGO...?
LET'S SAY HE COULD HAVE PREDICTED THAT WE WOULD WANT WHALE.
BUT, WITH THE TECHNOLOGY AT THAT TIME, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WHALE COULD RESIST THE JAMMER, CREATED A CENTURY LATER?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN ORDINARY PERSON TO DO IT,
BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DR. GEPETTO.
HE WAS A GENIUS WHO COULDN'T BE COMPARED TO ANY ONE IN THE FIELD OF ROBOTICS ENGINEERING.


THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS CRITICIZED FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR BETWEEN ANDROIDS AND HUMANS...
THE HISTORY OF ROBOTICS IS DIVIDED INTO PRE AND POST DR. GEPETTO'S WORK.
ANYWAY, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO ASSUME THAT BOTH HUMANS AND ANDROIDS ARE DESPERATE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE LAST ANDROID CREATED BY DR. GEPETTO.
AFTER ALL, THE RED-HAIRED ANDROID WHO KIDNAPPED COLODI WAS ACTUALLY AFTER WHALE.

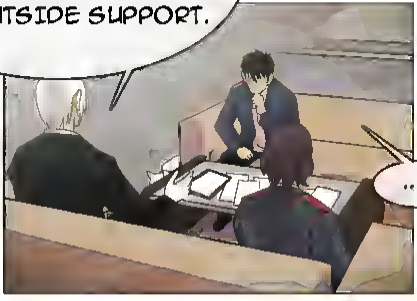
SPEAKING OF THE RED-HAIRED ANDROID...

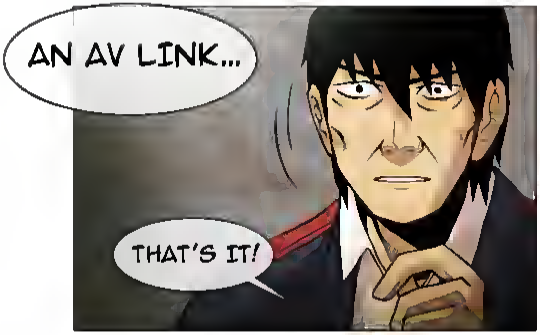
I THINK HE HAD AN AUDIOVISUAL LINK WITH ANOTHER ANDROID FROM THE OUTSIDE.

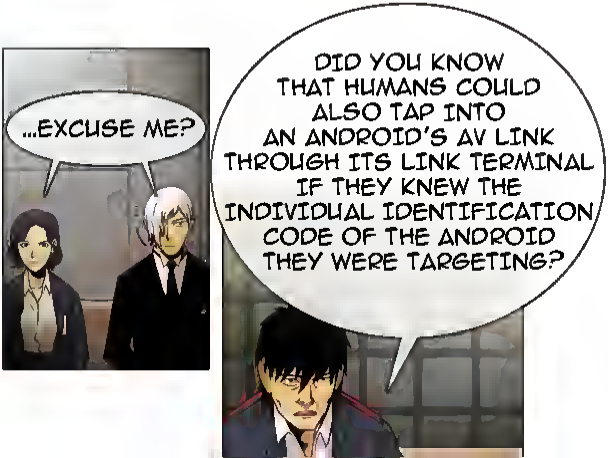


HE WAS SHOUTING AT SOMEBODY WHILE HE WAS FIGHTING AGAINST WHALE.

AND HE ESCAPED JUST BEFORE THE BACKUP ARRIVED. I THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE HE HAD OUTSIDE SUPPORT.




AN AV LINK...
THAT'S IT!


...EXCUSE ME?
DID YOU KNOW THAT HUMANS COULD ALSO TAP INTO AN ANDROID'S AV LINK THROUGH ITS LINK TERMINAL IF THEY KNEW THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION CODE OF THE ANDROID THEY WERE TARGETING?

YES. BUT AS THE WAR BROKE OUT, ALL ANDROIDS BLOCKED THE LINK CODE SO THAT HUMANS COULDN'T TAP INTO THEM FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Disconnected

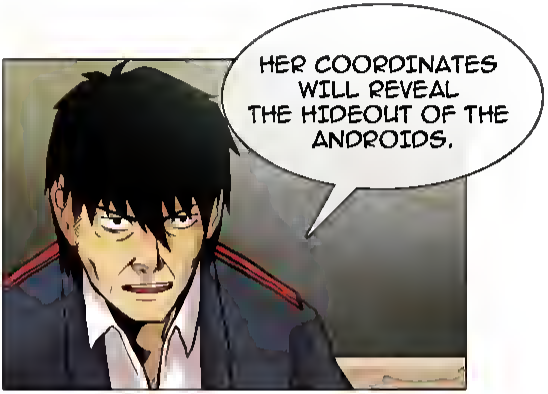
NOW WE CAN'T ACCESS THEM EVEN WITH THE LINK CODE.

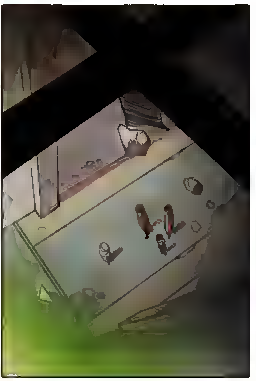
RIGHT.

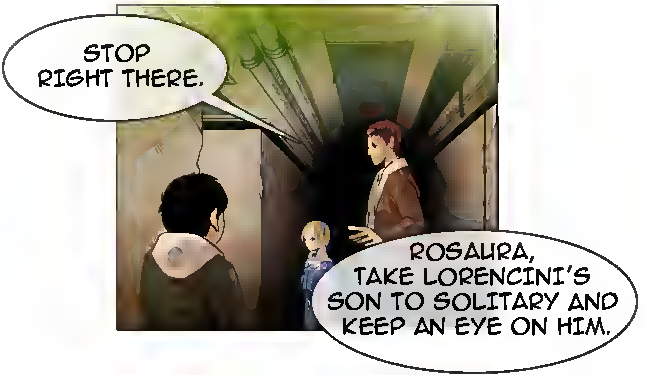
BUT...

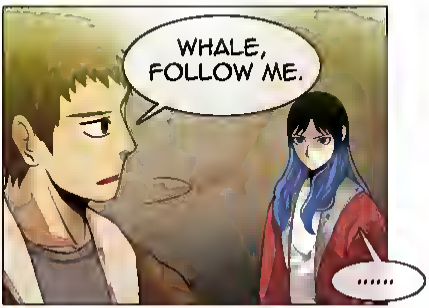
WHAT ABOUT WHALE WHO HAS BEEN SLEEPING FOR 100 YEARS?
.....!
THE WAR WAS ALREADY OVER WHEN WHALE WOKE UP, SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HER LINK WAS NEVER BLOCKED...!
FORTUNATELY, HER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION CODE WAS IN THE DATA THAT WE DOWNLOADED BEFORE SHE RAN AWAY.

TAPPING INTO THE AV LINK ITSELF SHOULDN'T BE SEEN AS AN ATTACK BY THE SYSTEM. IT'S JUST A LINK, I DON'T THINK DR. GEPETTO'S PROTECTION WILL REACT TO IT AS STRONGLY.
OF COURSE. IF WHALE DISCOVERS THAT WE HAVE LINKED WITH HER, SHE WILL PROBABLY BLOCK THE LINK ON HER OWN. BUT IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
IF WE CAN LINK WITH WHALE JUST FOR A MOMENT...


HER COORDINATES WILL REVEAL THE HIDEOUT OF THE ANDROIDS.




STOP RIGHT THERE.
ROSAURA, TAKE LORENCINI'S SON TO SOLITARY AND KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.


WHALE, FOLLOW ME.
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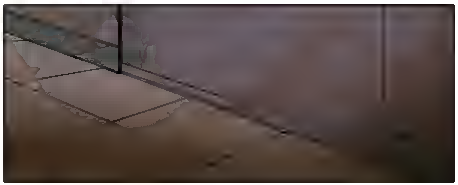
STARE
.....

YOU COME THIS WAY.
O...OKAY...



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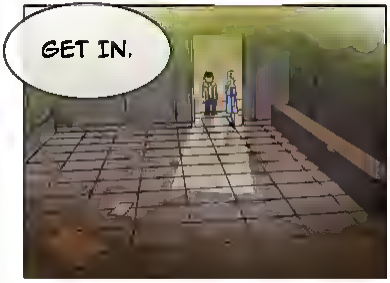
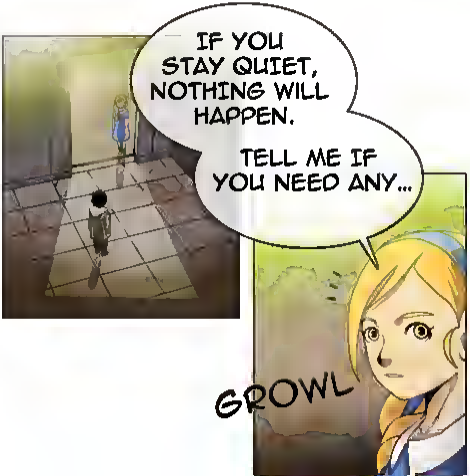
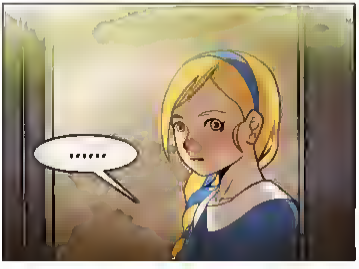

GET IN.


IF YOU STAY QUIET, NOTHING WILL HAPPEN.
TELL ME IF YOU NEED ANY...
GROWL

UGH... I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE YESTERDAY...
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT?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WHIRR~
CLICK!

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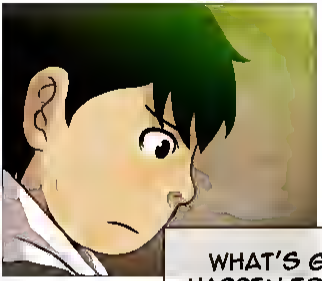
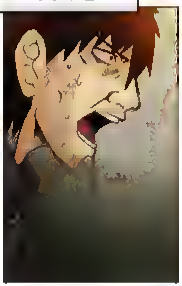
WHAT'S WRONG...?
DID SHE EVEN HEAR
WHAT I SAID?

THUD!



WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME NOW...?

IS MY DAD SAFE?



IS MELAMPO DOING OKAY?

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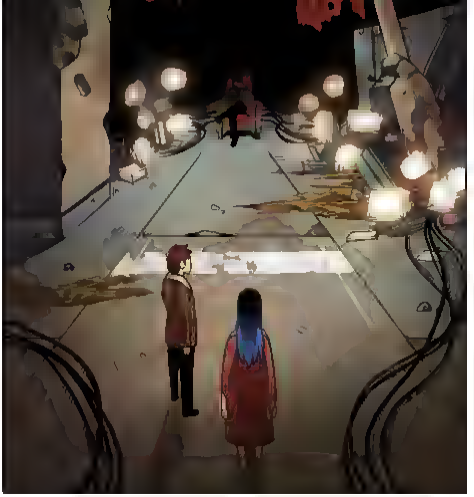
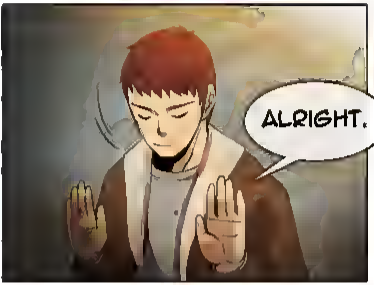
AND WHALE...

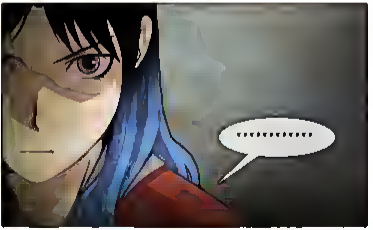
DROOP...

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO...



LEADER, I'VE BROUGHT WHALE.
GOOD JOB. ARLEKINO.
BUT FROM NOW ON, FOLLOW ORDERS. YOU GAVE ROSAURA A HARD TIME.
STAND-


ALRIGHT.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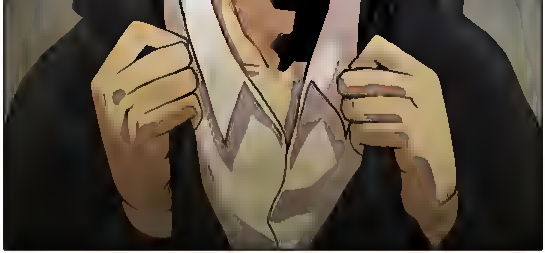
WHALE, I'M GLAD TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
I HOPE YOU WILL FORGIVE ME FOR THE BUMPS IN THE PROCESS.
...ARE YOU 'THE LEADER' WHO WANTED TO MEET ME?

...YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
RUSTLE..

I AM THE LEADER OF THE ANDROIDS.



PINOCCHIO.

GEPETTO

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